Au Unnatural Parent.

The last issue of the Wellsville (Mich.) Free Post gives an account of the suicide of Eugene Johnson, a lad thirteen years of age, of Niles Hill, near Wellsville. The boy and his sister, eleven years old, have always been objects of aversion to both parents, and have from lafancy been subject to the most inhuman treatment. It is said that the boy, failing at times to find the cows when he has been sent for them, has remained in the woods for nights and days together rather than return to his home and undergo the excessive punishment which he knew would be inflicted .-For weeks past he and his sister have been compelled to cut from two and a half to three cords of wood per day with a crosscut saw, under penalty of a severe beating. Last Sunday the parents went to a neighbor's to supper, leaving their children at home; but before going Johnson told the boy to water the horses. Returning to the house in the afternoon on some errand for the neighbor whom he was visiting, he ascertained that his instructions in regard to the horses had not been complied with, and at once commenced beating and abusing the boy in an outrageous manner.

When he became weary of torturing the child, he left the house and went back to finish his visit. Shortly after he left, the poor boy, according to his sister's statement, gathered up his playthings and put them away in a little box, and then went to the barn. Being gone a long time, the girl followed him to the barn where she found him dead, and hanging by the neck to a beam. Terribly grieved and frightened, the little girl remained with her brother until her parents returned, when her frantic screams attracted their attention, and her father soon arrived at the scene of the tragedy. Was he shocked? Did he cut down the lad and manifest as much sorrow as a tigress would for the loss of her young? Not by any means. He was not the kind of a man to indulge in any such nonsense. Telling the girl to go into the house, he did up his chores, left the boy as he had found him, closed the barn door, returned to the house, went to bed, and slept the refreshing sleep of in-nocence! He then leisurely informed the neighbors of the occurrence; and they, eighteen hours after the suicide, cut down the cold and rigid body, prepared it for the grave, and in due time buried it.

#### An Interesting Relic.

The Scranton Republican relates the discovery, by a miner, of a copper whistle embedded in a vein of coal, one hundred feet beneath the earth. It was discovered by Martin Loughery, working in No. 10 mine, Pennsylvania Coal Company's works at Pittston. In the centre of a massive piece of coal he was breaking, he found embedded what appeared to be a small wooden box of an oblong shape, which, upon being touched, crumbled into dust, and disclosed a copper whistle with a flint mouth piece, and in shape like the ordinary tin whisles blown by children. The miner brightened it up (says the Republican), applied it to his mouth, and made it sound for the first time in centuries .-The spot where it lay is about one hundred feet beneath the surface of the earth. How many seasons have been swept over the terrestrial sphere, by the never ceasing tide of time, since this memento was laid carelessly aside, by some hand of a former age, is a question to form food for a reflective mind. The voice that was wont to charm the single pipe into music, must have been hushed in the age of long ago.

Yet the copper whistle remains to attest in favor of the science of geology. It should be preserved in some of our museums, or by some historical society, together with a specimen of the structure in which it has slept for ages. Who shall say in the face of such a fact that our country has not known a civilization anterior to that imported here by Columbus, or that a race of enlightened human beings did not flourish and fade on this grand hemisphere ages and ages ago?

## A Printer's Substitute.

A nice piece of manuscript was sent to this office lately. It was prepared by the skillful hand of a member of the legal profession, and consequently its meaning was as clear as mud. There were short marks here, and long marks there, while dots, ink splashes, erasures, and things of that sort, were scattered about with reckless profusion. The paper resembled a map of bleeding Kansas, a plan of our proposed new water works, a pen-and-ink sketch of the burnt district, or, indeed, anything of that sort. The boys yearned for that manuscript the moment they saw it, and the one who was given the largest portion of it was looked upon with envy by the others. Finally one of them came to a couple of long words that he couldn't deeipher readily. He went out and borrowed a telescope, and looked again, but still failing to make out the two words in question, he propped his copy up at one end of the room, stood on his head at the other, and viewed it in that position for a time, but yet without success. Then he carried the copy to every one in the office, begging their assistance, but none were able to help the unfortunate typo. Then he became desperate, pulled his hat down with a firm grasp, ignored the undecipherable entirely, and substituted therefor "copy books, ten cents each," remarking confidently, "Won't that chap swear when he reads his proof ?"

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